



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2005 Wisconsin Act 457**  
[2005 Senate Bill 524]

**Building Inspector Review Board**

Act 457 creates a building inspector review board attached to the Department of Commerce (Commerce). The review board membership consists of:

- A building inspector, appointed by the Governor, who is certified by Commerce to inspect public buildings, places of employment, or one-family and two-family dwellings. This member serves for a five-year term.
- A member, appointed by the Governor, representing building contractors and building developers who is actively engaged in the on-site construction of public buildings, places of employment, or one-family and two-family dwellings. This member serves for a five-year term.
- The Secretary of Commerce or his or her designee.
- The Senate Majority Leader or his or her designee.
- The Speaker of the Assembly or his or her designee.

The Act requires the review board to do all of the following:

- Review complaints made to the board concerning possible incompetent, negligent, or unethical conduct by building inspectors who inspect public buildings, places of employment, or one-family and two-family dwellings.
- After reviewing a complaint, revoke the certification of a building inspector if it determines that the inspector engaged in incompetent, negligent, or unethical conduct.
- Reverse or modify decisions made by building inspectors that the board determines are in error.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.

The Act also establishes a process by which a holder of a building permit may make an anonymous complaint to the review board concerning a building inspector. If the permittee chooses to make an anonymous complaint, the board may not review the complaint unless it receives two or more additional anonymous complaints regarding the same building inspector. If the board receives two or more additional anonymous complaints, the board must proceed with review of those complaints, and none of the complaints may remain anonymous.

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